



MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Bring an unwrapped gift to tonight's Christmas Tree Lighting



The City of Florence will hold its annual Christmas Tree Lighting **TONIGHT** from 6-8pm at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard.

To help support United Ministries, the City is asking people to bring an unwrapped gift to the event and place it in the United Ministries barrel located in the main lobby of the Government Center.

Bring your family as we deck the halls of the city building, including the lighting of the City's Christmas Tree as well as Christmas music with the Florence Community Band and Community Chorus. Civic organizations and local businesses will provide Christmas activities while the children await their visit from Santa Claus. Face painting, refreshments, and sleigh rides will be provided. The FREE program will be held (under a tent) rain or shine.

The City will collect Christmas donations for families in need through Wednesday, December 17. Suggested donations include: Hats and mittens, gift certificates, infant and children toys, gifts for teens, books, socks for children and teens, family board games, crafts and art supplies, infant/children/teen clothing, toothpaste, detergent, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, dish liquid, and tissues. Families in need of assistance can contact United Ministries at 859-727-0300, fax at 859-727-4313, email admin@umnky.org, or visit www.umnky.org.

For more information regarding the City's Christmas Tree Lighting or United Ministries Program, please call (859) 371-5491; stop by the Florence Government Center at 8100 Ewing Boulevard; or go to www.florence-ky.gov.